

REMARKS

Claims 3, 5-9, 12, 14, 15, 18, 20, 21, 24, 26, 27, 31-36, and 41-45 are pending and under consideration in this application. Claims 1, 10, 16, 22, 28-30, and 37-40 are cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. This amendment is believed to place this application in condition for allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter:

The Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the allowance of claims 3, 5-9, 12, 14, 15, 18, 20, 21, 24, 26, 27, 31-36, and 41-45.

Conclusion:

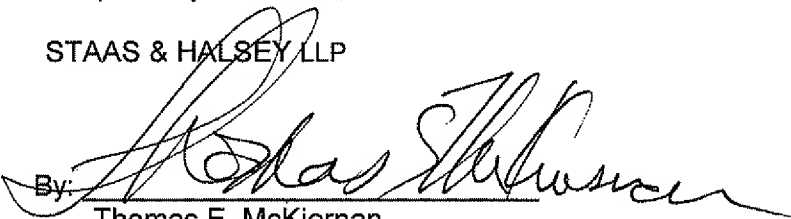
Accordingly, in view of the reasons given above, it is submitted that all of claims 3, 5-9, 12, 14, 15, 18, 20, 21, 24, 26, 27, 31-36, and 41-45 are allowable over the cited references. If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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